

To be eligible to participate with the testing and certification programs of the Division of Personnel Standards and Education, an individual must be engaged in fire fighting in an organized Illinois fire department as a fire protection person according to the Act, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.

Below is a table that itemizes the prerequisites necessary for certification levels.

CERTIFICATION LEVEL	PREREQUISITES
Firefighter II	Course Completion Written Exam Practical Exam Hazardous Materials Awareness Certification
Basic Operations Firefighter	Course Completion: <i>Minimum of 180 hours</i> Written Exam Practical Exam Fire Service Vehicle Operator Course Completion Certification Requirements for Hazardous Materials Operations Certification Requirements for Technical Rescue Awareness Required CPR/Basic First Aid NIMS 100 and 700 “Courage To Be Safe” Course Completion
Firefighter III	Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification Course Completion Written Exam Practical Exam 3 Years Fire Suppression Experience Hazardous Materials Operations Certification
Advanced Technician Firefighter	Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification Course Completion: <i>Minimum of 40 hours</i> Written Exam Practical Exam Fire Service Vehicle Operator Certification Vehicle and Machinery Operations Certification NIMS 200 3 Years Fire Service Experience from Firefighter II/Basic Operations Firefighter Certification Date
Hazardous Materials Awareness	Course Completion Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification Written Exam
Hazardous Materials Operations	Course Completion Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification Written Exam Practical Exam
Hazardous Materials Technician A	Course Completion Hazardous Materials Operations Certification Practical Exam Written Exam

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Hazardous Materials Technician B	Course Completion Hazardous Materials Technician A Certification Practical Exam Written Exam
Hazardous Materials Incident Command	Course Completion Hazardous Materials Operations Certification Practical Exam Written Exam
Airport Firefighter	Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification Course Completion Written Exam Practical Exam 1 Year Airport Firefighter Experience Application
Fire Apparatus Engineer	Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification Course Completion <i>(Pumper Operations and Apparatus Driving Validation)</i> Written Exam Practical Exam Application Appropriate Class of Driver's License
Fire Prevention Officer	Course Completion Firefighter III or Advanced Technician Firefighter Certification (or Bypass) 1 Year Fire Prevention Experience 3 Years Fire Service Experience Application Written Exam
Fire Inspector I	Course Completion: <i>Minimum of 40 hours</i> Fire Prevention Principles Course Completion Written Exam Practical Exam 1 Year Inspectional Activity in Fire Prevention
Fire Officer I	5 Required Course Completions: <i>Fire Prevention Principles</i> <i>Management/Leadership I</i> <i>Management/Leadership II</i> <i>Tactics and Strategy I</i> <i>Instructor I</i> Written Exam, if applicable Firefighter III or Advanced Technician Firefighter Certification 1 Year Fire Officer Training 4 Years Minimum Current Fire Suppression Experience Application

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Fire Officer I Provisional	5 Required Course Completions: <i>Fire Prevention Principles</i> <i>Management/Leadership I</i> <i>Management/Leadership II</i> <i>Tactics and Strategy I</i> <i>Instructor I</i> Written Exam, if applicable Firefighter III or Advanced Technician Firefighter Certification 4 Years Minimum Current Fire Suppression Experience Application
Fire Officer II	4 Required Course Completions: <i>Management/Leadership III</i> <i>Management/Leadership IV</i> <i>Tactics and Strategy II</i> <i>Instructor II</i> Fire Officer I Certification Written Exam, if applicable Application 5 Years Minimum Current Fire Suppression Experience 1 Year Fire Officer II Trainee
Fire Officer II Provisional	4 Required Course Completions: <i>Management/Leadership III</i> <i>Management/Leadership IV</i> <i>Tactics and Strategy II</i> <i>Instructor II</i> Fire Officer I Certification Written Exam, if applicable Application 5 Years Minimum Current Fire Suppression Experience
Fire Officer III	Approved Courses: <i>IFCA Correlation</i> Fire Officer II Certification Application 10 Years Current Fire Suppression Experience Current Administrative Duties (2 Years) (Prior Experience Evaluated Individually) Official Job Description Official Organizational Chart Fire Officer III Checklist Work Experience Document

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Fire Officer III Provisional	Approved Courses: <i>IFCA Correlation</i> Fire Officer II Certification Application 10 Years Current Fire Suppression Experience Current Administrative Duties (Prior Experience Evaluated Individually) Official Job Description Official Organizational Chart Fire Officer III Checklist Work Experience Document
Instructor I	Course Completion Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification 3 Years Fire Suppression Experience Written Exam, if applicable
Instructor II	Course Completion Firefighter III or Advanced Technician Certification Instructor I Certification 5 Years Fire Suppression Experience Written Exam, if applicable
Instructor III	Course Completion Instructor II Certification 3 Years Instructor Experience Application Written Exam, if applicable
Fire Department Incident Safety Officer	Fire Officer I Certification Technical Rescue Awareness Certification Hazardous Materials Operations Certification Fire Department Incident Safety Officer Course Tactics and Strategy II Course Written Exam
Fire Department Health and Safety Officer <i>Available 2011</i>	Fire Officer I Certification Hazardous Materials Operations Certification Technical Rescue Awareness Certification Course Completion Written Exam
Fire Department Safety Officer <i>Available 2011</i>	Fire Department Incident Safety Officer Certification Fire Department Health and Safety Officer Certification
Arson Investigator	Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification (or Bypass) Course Completion: <i>Fire Investigator Modules 1 and 2</i> Arson Investigator Course Arson Investigator Application Recertification: Expiration 4 years of issuance date Refresher training totaling 100 points Application for Recertification

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Fire Investigator	Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification Course Completion: <i>3 modules</i> <i>Or Modules I & II and Arson Investigator course</i> Application Recertification: Expiration 4 years of issuance date Refresher training totaling 100 points Application for Recertification
Executive Support	3 Years Fire Service Experience Course Completion Application
Fire Service Vehicle Operator	Course Completion: <i>Minimum of 12 hours</i> Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification Practical Exam Written Exam 8 hours documented driving of vehicles <i>Note: Provisional is awarded to firefighters not certified at the Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter certification levels</i>
Training Program Manager	Course Completion Instructor II Certification 5 Years Experience as Instructor or Training Officer Application
Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist	Course Completion Written Exam
Motorsports Safety Technician	Course Completion Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification Practical Exam Written Exam
Technical Rescue Awareness	Course Completion Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Certification Written Exam
Rescue Specialist - Confined Space	Course Completion Rescue Specialist-Vertical I or Rope Operations Certification Practical Exam Written Exam
Trench Operations	Course Completion Technical Rescue Awareness or Rescue Specialist-Confined Space/Trench Rescue Awareness Certification Practical Exam Written Exam
Trench Technician	Course Completion Trench Operations or Rescue Specialist – Trench Certification Practical Exam Written Exam

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Rope Operations	Course Completion Technical Rescue Awareness or Rescue Specialist-Confined Space/Trench Rescue Awareness Certification Practical Exam Written Exam
Rescue Specialist - Vertical II	Course Completion Rescue Specialist-Vertical I or Rope Operations Certification Practical Exam Written Exam
High Angle Rope Operations <i>Available 2011</i>	Rescue Specialist-Vertical I or Rope Operations Certification Course Completion Written Exam Practical Exam
Rope Technician <i>Available 2011</i>	Rescue Specialist-Vertical II or High Angle Rope Operations Certification Course Completion Written Exam Practical Exam
Structural Collapse Operations	Course Completion Technical Rescue Awareness or Rescue Specialist-Structural Collapse Awareness Certification Practical Exam Written Exam
Structural Collapse Technician	Course Completion Structural Collapse Operations Certification Hazardous Materials Operations Certification Vehicle and Machinery Operations or Rescue Specialist Roadway Extrication Certification Rescue Specialist-Vertical I or Rope Operations Certification Rescue Specialist Confined Space Certification Practical Exam Written Exam
Vehicle/Machinery Operations	Course Completion Technical Rescue Awareness Certification Practical Exam Written Exam
Vehicle and Machinery Technician	Course Completion Vehicle and Machinery Operations Certification Rope Operations or Rescue Specialist – Vertical I Certification Hazardous Materials Operations Certification Practical Exam Written Exam
Water Operations	Course Completion Technical Rescue Awareness Certification Rope Operations or Rescue Specialist – Vertical I Certification Practical Exam Written Exam

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Watercraft Technician	Course Completion Water Operations Certification Written Exam Practical Exam Certification from Approved Illinois Department of Natural Resources or U.S. Coast Guard On-Line Boat Safety Course
Dive Technician	Water Operations Certification Course Completion of an Approved Nationally Published Dive Technician Course Designated by the Office Recertification: Expiration 4 years of issuance date Completion of Refresher Training: <i>Completed Annually</i> <i>Fitness Test defined by NFPA 1006 & 1670</i> <i>NFPA Watermanship Skills defined by NFPA 1006 & 1670</i> <i>Basic Skills Evaluation-Pool Session defined by NFPA 1006 & 1670</i> <i>4 documented Open-Water Training Dives defined by AHJ</i>
Ice Technician	Water Operations Certification Course Completion of an Approved Nationally Published Ice Technician Course Designated by the Office
Ice Dive Technician	Water Operations Certification Course Completion of an Approved Nationally Published Ice Dive Technician Course Designated by the Office Recertification: Expiration 4 years of issuance date Completion of Refresher Training: <i>Completed Annually</i> <i>Fitness Test defined by NFPA 1006 & 1670</i> <i>NFPA Watermanship Skills defined by NFPA 1006 & 1670</i> <i>Basic Skills Evaluation-Pool Session defined by NFPA 1006 & 1670</i> <i>4 documented Open-Water Training Dives defined by AHJ</i> <i>1 documented Ice Dive</i>
Swiftwater Technician	Water Operations Certification Course Completion of an Approved Nationally Published Swiftwater Technician Course Designated by the Office